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1. On 15 March 1958, a draft directive concerning stipulations governing study abroad for East German students was circulated in the State Secretariat for Higher Education. The term "abroad" was strictly limited by definition to the Soviet Union and satellite states. The directive pointed out that previously, East German students who had gone to East bloc countries to study had gone there for their entire university or technical school education. In the future, only such students would be sent abroad who had completed the equivalent of a university education unless the field of study was one of the few where East German facilities were inadequate or non-existent. These latter students would be selected directly by the State Secretariat for Higher Education (Staatssekretariat fuer das Hoch und Fachschulwesen).
2. In the future, the bulk of the students to go abroad is to be selected from the university graduating classes, young scientists, and graduates who are already working. The position into which each of these students is to be placed after his study abroad is to be decided beforehand. All such students are to be considered as cadres for industry, agriculture, the government apparatus, or educational institutions of East Germany.
3. Under the terms of the directive, the State Secretariat is to formulate a yearly program, to determine the number of study slots available and the field of studies in question. On the basis of this information, the universities and advance schools are to make their recommendation on specific students. These recommendations are to be made by a commission in each institute composed of the Protector for scientific personnel, the Protector for student affairs, the institute's SED party secretary, its FDJ secretary, and its trade union delegate. By 1 March of each year, the State Secretariat is to be notified of the students selected, the field of study and special topic on which research will be done, and if possible of the foreign university and professor desired. The students selected must not only be technically qualified but also "socially active", healthy, and have the required language qualifications.

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4. In June and July of each year, a six to eight-weeks course will be given at the Workers and Peasants Faculty in Halle for the students tentatively selected. The course will deal primarily with language qualifications but will also serve as a final screening of the group chosen.
5. Once abroad, the students are to be considered members of the university or advance school which selected them. From this institution they are to receive a stipend, funds for books and clothing, and where necessary, financial support for their family in East Germany. Furthermore, the institute is to support the students in political and technical respects as well.

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